Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 at 01:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold conditions on Tuesday with snow showers then more settled for a time on Wednesday. High for unsettled and windy weather but less cold on Thursday then snow showers on Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 06 Apr 2021: Bitterly cold with snow showers. Strong, squally winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	60%	60%	50%	50%

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Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and snow showers will give new accumulations of powder snow. Very cold Arctic air and gales will mean a severe wind chill effect with drifting snow and blizzard conditions on the hills at times. Showers becoming a little less frequent in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40-60%, best chance in the afternoon across south of the area.

Visibility: Occasionally very poor in the snow showers with cloud bases down to 500 or 600m and blizzards at times. Blowing snow will also hamper visibility. Spells of clear visibility between showers, especially in afternoon on lower slopes in south.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/46 N	34/45 N	35/47 N	35/46 N	31/40 NW	27/36 NW	25/33 NW
900	36/43 N	32/43 N	33/46 N	34/45 N	30/39 NW	26/34 NW	24/32 NW
600	25/32 N	23/34 N	25/37 N	26/37 N	21/30 NW	17/25 NW	17/25 NW
300	7/33 N	9/35 NW	12/39 N	13/38 N	8/31 NW	6/26 NW	7/26 NW
Glen	14/29 NW	18/37 NW	18/36 N	19/37 N	12/27 NW	9/23 N	9/22 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-9/-21	-9/-20	-9/-20	-8/-19	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-17
900	-8/-19	-8/-19	-8/-19	-7/-18	-7/-17	-7/-16	-7/-16
600	-5/-15	-6/-14	-5/-14	-4/-13	-4/-12	-5/-12	-5/-12
300	-4/-8	-3/-8	-3/-9	-2/-7	-2/-6	-3/-6	-3/-7
Glen	-1/-7	-0/-7	1/-5	2/-4	1/-3	0/-4	1/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
The very cold Arctic airstream will continue to bring serious winter conditions for early April.

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021
Weather: Clear or sunny spells and snow showers, but the showers will become lighter then ease off in the afternoon as winds also ease. Outbreaks of sleet or snow spreading east during the evening, turning to rain below 800m later towards the west coast.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 30mph, gusts 45mph in morning, easing Westerly 15-20mph in afternoon, increasing to 25-30mph in evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% in morning becoming 70% in afternoon then 20% in evening.

Visibility: Occasionally very poor in the morning with patchy cloud down to 600m and snow showers with blowing snow. Improving in the afternoon as showers and winds ease, becoming mainly excellent. Deteriorating in the evening with extensive cloud above 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 or 4C rising to 2 or 3C.
At 800m: Minus 6 or 7C rising to Minus 3C.
Freezing level: All levels at first, rising to 400m during the day.

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